The Iowa Library Association and the All Iowa Reads (AIR) Committee are excited to announce that Jeffrey Kluger, author of this year’s AIR selection, Splendid Solution: Jonas Salk and the Conquest of Polio, is the Friday luncheon speaker at this year’s conference. Splendid Solution weaves a compelling story based on Salk's personal papers and the March of Dimes archives, along with interviews with Salk’s sons and others who knew him, that illustrates his personal commitment and resolve to find a “killed” vaccine despite opposition from many. Iowans who have read and discussed the book say they found it compelling and the discussions fascinating. Many people have shared their stories about having polio, while others talked about the fear surrounding it and parents’ excitement when the vaccine first became available.

This year’s All Iowa Reads program includes a web site where people can tell their stories about polio. Anyone interested in telling his/her story can visit www.iowapoliostories.org and fill out an easy-to-use form.

Jeffrey Kluger is a senior writer at Time magazine, covering science in general and the space program in particular. He is the co-author, along with Jim Lovell, of Lost Moon, the book that served as the basis of the 1995 movie Apollo 13. His novel, Lakeship, and a new nonfiction book, Simplicity, are being published this year.

Kluger has worked for Discover magazine, was health editor at Family Circle magazine, story editor at The New York Times Business World Magazine, and associate editor at Science Digest magazine. He was an adjunct instructor in the graduate journalism program at New York University and is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the University of Baltimore School of Law. He lives in New York City with his wife Alejandra and their daughters Elisa and Paloma.

The new state guidelines for school library programs have been completed and approved by the Iowa Board of Education. The guidelines, titled Iowa School Library Program Guidelines: Libraries, Literacy and Learning for the 21st Century, were developed by a task force chaired by State Librarian Mary Wegner and Department of Education Consultant Rita Martens. The guidelines are designed to help local schools comply with the legislation passed in 2006 by the Iowa Legislature and the rules adopted by the Department of Education to outline compliance with the law.

The guidelines are in the form of rubrics against which local school library programs can be measured. They state the requirement in specific categories such as collections, information literacy curriculum, technology, etc., and then suggest steps beyond the basic requirement to help school libraries move toward best practice in each area.

The Task Force that developed the guidelines also worked on a variety of other documents to assist school libraries, including a sample curriculum, summaries of the school library data collected by the State Library, and planning and reporting documents. Iowa’s AEAs and Iowa Association of School Librarians are working together to provide a series of workshops to be held around the state during the coming months to inform teacher librarians and administrators of the guidelines and supporting documents. The guidelines are posted at www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/959/493/ and additional documents will be posted on the State Library website.

Members of the Task Force, in addition to Wegner and Martens, were Peg Brady, Mary Cameron, Mary Jo Langhorne, Pearl Miller, Denise Rehmke, Rhonda Sheeley and Kristin Steingreaber.
AGENDA
Thursday, October 11, 2007
Approximately 1:00 p.m.

Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center

1. Report of the Credentials Committee
2. Adoption of Standing Rules
3. Amendments to and Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of the 2006 Business Meeting
5. Financial Report
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
   A. 2008 Legislative Agenda
   B. Bylaws Changes
8. Open Forum
9. Remarks from President
10. Announcements
11. Resolutions of Courtesy
12. Adjournment

If you wish to add an item to this agenda, you may do so by contacting the ILA President in writing by 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2007.

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Vice President/President-Elect Candidates
Thursday, October 11, 9:15 a.m.

Executive Board and ALA Councilor Candidates
Thursday, October 11, 12:00 p.m.

2008 Leadership Institute is in the planning stage. The ad hoc committee will provide more information for the November Catalyst and ILA website.
Changing The Face of Medicine exhibit

If you have any spare time after our fantastic Annual Conference, head over to Hardin Library to visit the Changing the Face of Medicine exhibit. This exhibit will be in eastern Iowa from October 10-November 30, 2007 before traveling west to Council Bluffs Public Library for December 12, 2007 to February 15, 2008.

Public Relations Showcase Extravaganza Displays

“Show Off”—Yes, we’re talking to you!

It’s time to “Show Us What You’ve Got” at the Iowa Library Association’s Annual Conference in Coralville.

We all have something we’ve created to promote our libraries’ programs and services. Bring it along! Maybe it’s an interesting flier, a calendar, your newsletter, a series of items you created for a special program, or perhaps a notebook from your summer library program.

It’s not a contest…there will be no judging. But expect a lot of praise! There’s no pressure, no critique of your work, just a chance to share your great ideas with others. We’re looking for everything from exciting print pieces to new and innovative ways of promoting your library.

Browse the display to get some fresh ideas for PR at your library.

And – drum roll please – your name will be put in a hat for the chance to win a free “READ” CD. This American Library Association CD allows you to create READ posters for and at your library.

Tables will be set up in a common area at the conference. They will be easy to find. Hope to see a lot of your creations in October!

Sponsored by your friends on the ILA Public Relations Committee.

Growing the Next Generation of Teacher Librarians: UI Receives IMLS Training Grant

The University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science has received a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant totaling $881,692 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to recruit and educate librarians to work in Iowa schools. The grant will fund two cohorts (with twenty students in each cohort) as they pursue their MA degrees in Library and Information Science. Recruiting is underway for the first cohort, which will start class work in the summer of 2008. The second cohort begins in the summer of 2009. Students will complete coursework by the end of the grant period November 30, 2010.

Priority will be given to recruiting certified teachers who can assume the teacher librarian job in their district or nearby districts as they complete certification requirements, and those who commit to remaining in that position for two years. The grant will provide a $15,000 stipend over the two-year period of enrollment to pay tuition, most fees and some travel expenses for recruited students. Most course work will be delivered through distance education systems. Students will be required to attend an on-campus class component at least once each semester they are in the program and will be responsible for costs associated with the on-campus meetings. Students will also be responsible for costs in excess of the stipend provided for books, supplies and other expenses.

Dr. James Elmborg, Director of the SLIS program, is the grant manager. According to Elmborg, “We are excited about this unique opportunity to help shape the way Iowa schools see librarians and libraries as important presences in high-performing schools.” Partners in this grant include the Area Education Agencies, the State Library and the Iowa Association of School Librarians. The partner groups will help with recruiting and delivery of the program.

Anyone who would like to apply or who has questions about the program should see the IMLS Teacher Librarian link on SLIS website (http://slis.uiowa.edu). Applications for the first cohort are due February 1, 2008.

Changing the Face of Medicine Exhibit

Changing the Face of Medicine is this year’s winner of the Lorraine B. Wright Award from the National Association of Women in Construction. Congratulations to Leslie Kee, her staff, and the Moline community, from OPN.

The Moline Public Library is this year’s winner of the Lorraine B. Wright Award from the National Association of Women in Construction.

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CULTIVATING THE LIBRARY’S FINANCIAL FUTURE

Endowment funds are quite popular as a way of donating to a person’s favorite organizations. This session will cover whether creating an endowment fund is right for your library and if so, how to set one up.

Thomas Gelman is a partner with Phelan Tucker Mul- len Walker Tucker and Gelman, LLP in Iowa City. The Iowa Library Trustees Association and Public Library Forum co-sponsor this Friday session.

BEYOND BINGO FOR BOOMERS: THE LIFELONG ACCESS LIBRARIES MODEL

Lifelong Access is a model for working with active older adults that emphasizes learning, social connections, life planning, and community engagement. Learn how library staff can develop partnerships with community colleges, senior centers, health organizations, workforce agencies, and volunteer centers in order to maximize community resources and develop meaningful programs and services for older adults in your community.

Public Library Forum sponsors this presentation by Gloria Coles, National Director, Lifelong Access Libraries Initiative. The Thursday afternoon program is repeated on Friday morning.

GROWING IOWA LIBRARIANS: THE ONLINE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Online learning — what’s it all about? Discover the three different types of online learning. Then find out about different personal learning styles (including yours), and how you can adapt your style to the online environment to make the most of your online learning.

Southwest Iowa Library Service Area Administrator Karen Burns, and State Library Continuing Education Consultant Michele Leininger present this Thursday morning session sponsored by the Conference Planning Committee.

CULTIVATING LEADERS: EMPOWERING LEADERS FROM WITHIN

Leadership is not just a skill or domain for supervisors or managers. Discover how to incorporate characteristics of visionary leadership, including communication, building trust, building self-confidence, and staying on message, into your everyday work life.

In addition, library leaders often credit mentors for their career advancement. Find out about professional mentoring opportunities and the lessons learned in finding, working with, and serving as a mentor.

ALA President Loriene Roy presents this Friday morning session sponsored by Community College Librarians Roundtable, ILA/ACRL and Library Administration and Management Association. Roy is a Professor at the School of Information, The University of Texas at Austin.

SERVING THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF IOWA LIBRARIES

Demographic shifts have occurred in many communities. Find out how to develop culturally appropriate programs for new populations. In addition, libraries often plan public events related to national heritage celebrations. Learn tips on developing community programs on American Indian cultural and heritage.

Several large-scale national programming opportunities will soon be available. Learn about the grant program, “The American Dream Begins @Your Library” and programming advice related to the upcoming PBS American Experience television series, *We Shall Remain*. In January 2009 PBS will air the largest American Experience television series, *We Shall Remain*. Each of the five episodes features historical events in American Indian history. The National Library Initiative for *We Shall Remain* will include free programming advice for public libraries interested in developing programs for the public around this series.

Support Personnel Forum sponsors this Friday session by ALA President Loriene Roy. Ms. Roy is a professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

When an individual accomplishes a great achievement, it is acknowledged through an honor dance in many American Indian communities. On Friday, June 22, hundreds gathered at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., to honor the American Library Association’s (ALA) then President-Elect Loriene Roy. The event recognized Roy’s accomplishment as the first American Indian to serve as ALA president.

Online Conference Registration  
www.iowalibraryassociation.org

Want to be more design savvy with your web pages and publications? This session is designed for libraries with small staffs and smaller budgets. Learn some basic tips on how to:

- shoot a good picture
- choose the right graphic for your publication
- place pictures and graphics for the best results
- use color wisely

During her lifetime Annette Wetteland, State Library, has seen some good, bad, and fairly ugly uses of photos, graphics and colors in publications. Heck, she’s even produced a few — some she’s proud of and others she wouldn’t show her cat!

The Public Relations Committee sponsors this Thursday afternoon session.

RDA: THE NEXT GENERATION OF AACR

Catalogers and their managers have been talking about the future of cataloging practice in the U.S. as drafts of various chapters of the next edition of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules have been released. This new edition, titled Resource Description and Access (RDA), is expected to be published in 2009, and it promises to change cataloging practices in much of the English-speaking world. The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for the Development of RDA (formerly the Joint Steering Committee for the Revision of AACR) has been focusing on these new rules since 2004, working to incorporate concepts from the Functional Requirements of Bibliographic Records and the Functional Requirements of Authority Records into our next set of rules. Among the JSC’s goals are to provide consistent guidelines in RDA for all types of resources, no matter the format or physical medium of publication, balanced against the need to integrate RDA-style bibliographic records with the millions of bibliographic records existing in our library databases already, prepared under AACR and pre-AACR practices. Ensuring that RDA bibliographic records can be encoded in a variety of metadata schemes, including the MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data and Dublin Core, is of high concern to JSC, as it is for the entire cataloging community.

The available drafts of Resource Description and Access have been alternatively praised and criticized by many on cataloging email lists. Learn about what might change and what will remain the same in this program. Linda M. Gonzalez, Member Services Librarian at Bibliographical Center for Research presents this Friday session sponsored by Resources and Technical Services Forum.
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The Exhibit Hall at the 2007 Annual Conference will be busier than ever, with special attractions both old and new. We have designed the hall to hold 80 booths for exhibitors and 67 booths are filled already. ILA Subdivisions and other nonprofit agencies will be present as will the State Library and the summer reading program. The Iowa Library Association Foundation (ILAF) Silent Auction returns as a favorite conference activity. Registered vendors include book and media sellers and publishers; architects; representatives of automation and security systems; library furniture, equipment and shelving companies; and online information services. Back by request this year is the Author Fair and new this year will be Friday morning exhibitor tables.

Be sure to visit as many exhibitors as you can as they are an important source of support for the conference. They enjoy talking with the people who are on the front lines of library work, to learn how we do our jobs and what we need to succeed.

For the first time, we have offered vendors the opportunity to rent table display space on Friday morning. A few vendors wish to exhibit on the final day of the conference, and Friday-only attendees often comment that they miss the exhibits which close on Thursday. We have space for up to ten vendors and the vendor tables will be in the hallways outside the meeting rooms. As of this writing three vendors have signed up: Jones Library Sales, Book Systems Inc./Bearport Publishing, and Colorado Library Association/Bulgarian Library Project.

Vendors will be in their booths on Wednesday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. for the Grand Opening of Exhibits. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres, soda, wine and beer will be served.

A continental breakfast will be served in the Exhibit Hall on Thursday at 7:45 a.m. The vendors will be available 7:45-11:45 a.m. and 1:45-5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served at the afternoon break.

Although the vendors leave us at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, the Exhibit Hall remains open until the 7:00 p.m. banquet, with a social hour featuring the Author Fair and final ILAF auction bidding. The Author Fair has attracted over thirty Iowa authors, who will be available to talk with us and sign books. The ILAF Auction hopes to exceed last year’s record number of auction items. To donate an item to the auction, go to the ILA web site and click on “ILA Foundation”.

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MEET THE FOUR CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

In 1996, after several decades as a farmer and instructor of English for the University of Northern Iowa, Carol French Johnson hired Mike Dargan to provide Technical Systems support for the Waterloo and Cedar Falls Public Libraries. Recently new director, Sheryl Groskurth, has assigned him the tasks of Reference Services Administrator and Manager of Adult Materials.

Despite having earned graduate degrees in English and Educational Technology from UNI, after a decade in the library world he felt obliged to obtain yet another diploma: Library Science from the University of Iowa. Mike’s English professor wife is relieved to know that she no longer must proofread his term papers as he is finally through with school!

Statement of Professional Concern:

My library career has focused mostly on technical issues, especially those related to the rise of the World Wide Web. I am concerned that as Internet access becomes cheaper, faster, and easier, traditional library services and values may fall by the wayside as our patrons find other venues to fulfill their needs. For over a century, Iowa’s libraries took pride in providing the best in text-based reference, educational, and recreational services. Maintaining that high level of service in the digital age will take more than hard work and dedication: librarians must also collaborate with other actors in the Information Age.

The Iowa Library Association is ideally situated to support that endeavor; I look forward to joining that effort as a member of your Executive Board.

Rhonda Frevert became the Head of Reference Services at the Burlington Public Library in 2002. Prior to that, she was the Curator of Local and Family History at the Newberry Library in Chicago. She first came to Iowa as a college student and received her B.A. in History from Grinnell College. She received her M.L.S. and a Masters in History from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1997. Rhonda participated in the first ILA Leadership Institute in 2004. Since then she served as chair of the Local History and Genealogy Subdivision and is currently vice-chair of that subdivision. She is secretary of the Public Library Forum and serves on the Membership Committee.

Statement of Professional Concern:

There is power in numbers. ILA demonstrated that by lobbying to reinstate teacher librarians to the code and increase state funding. These accomplishments would not be possible without strong membership numbers and members who are willing to step up to serve Iowa libraries in leadership positions.

ILA’s power and energy comes from its members and the wide variety of libraries that it represents. Together, Iowa librarians have the power to accomplish great things. ILA is building leaders, lobbying the legislature, promoting libraries, providing educational opportunities, and helping us all to better serve our users. I would be honored to serve you on the ILA Executive Board.

Alison Ames Galstad has been the Director of the Coralville Public Library for nine years. Prior to that, she served as a librarian for seven years at Cole Library, Cornell College in Mt. Vernon. Alison received her M.L.S. from the University of Iowa, and over the course of her career has worked in special, academic, and public libraries. She served several years on the Conference Planning Committee, and chaired LAMA this past year. She chaired the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2007 Conference.

Statement of Professional Concern:

I’ve had the great fortune to work in a wide variety of positions in libraries, from circulation clerk in an academic library to medical librarian in a one-person library to public services librarian in a small college library. In my current position, I draw from all of those experiences.

One of the threads that has become particularly prominent through the morphing of my library career is collaboration. Whether we are working with colleagues on the front line or behind the scenes with a department, dealing with a Hospital Administration or a Board of Trustees, working with a team of teachers or a City Council, collaboration is essential to getting things accomplished. Our professional association allows us not only the mechanism to collaborate with our colleagues, but a forum to hone those skills.

I would be honored to serve on ILA’s executive Board, and welcome the opportunity to work with and for the members of ILA in this capacity.
CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Jeffrey Pilz holds a B.S. in History and Secondary Education from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, an M.A. and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Minnesota, and has taught American History courses at the North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City since 1993. He is currently Chair of the North Central Library Service Area Board, Vice-President/President-Elect of the Iowa Library Trustee Association, and has worked on the ILA Strategic Planning Committee.

Statement of Professional Concern:
LSA trustees visit libraries and hear the voices of librarians and trustees. This experience brings me, with passion and purpose, to represent those voices on the ILA Board. It is diversity of voices—and ideas—which make organizations stronger and, with this in mind, I believe it is vital that we not only hear our members but work to increase and diversify membership from all our constituencies, especially library trustees. The key to success in that endeavor, as in all others, is in continuing education (of librarians, their staffs and trustees) and in awareness (public advocacy). It is in these areas I hope to contribute to the Board, and to all Iowa’s libraries. Ultimately, Iowa’s libraries succeed due to the expertise and passion of those who work in, work with, and love them. I welcome the opportunity to continue, and enhance, that success as a member of the Executive Board.

Joyce Meldrem, Library Director at Loras College, has been a librarian for 22 years and loves the variety of work that is available today. She has been at Loras for 3 years. Before that, she spent 15 years at Northwest Missouri State University and almost 4 years at Minot State University in North Dakota. Joyce started her career in libraries as a student employee at Iowa State University and also worked as a library assistant before getting her M.A. She coordinated Northwest’s Brick & Click Libraries Symposium for 5 years, during which time it grew from a regional conference to a national conference with over 120 attendees each fall. Since moving back to Iowa, Joyce has been active in the Iowa ACRL chapter and on the committee that developed the Midwest Interlibrary Loan Conference.

Statement of Professional Concern:
I am extremely interested in the professional development of library staffs, no matter their position at the library. I firmly believe that, as institutions of learning and community support, we must be willing to learn new things and continue to improve ourselves so that we can be the best that we can be—regardless of our type of community. The Iowa Library Association is a critical cog in the wheel of professional development. By supporting library staff throughout the state in their development and learning, we will continue to be essential members of our communities.

Ellen Neuhaus, has worked at the Rod Library of the University of Northern Iowa since 1995 and is currently a Reference Librarian and Bibliographer. An ILA member since 1996, she has participated on the Membership Committee. Ellen has been active in ILA/ACRL where she has served as the President and chaired several committees including the Spring Program Committee. Ellen earned a Master of Librarianship from the University of South Carolina. She has worked as a classroom teacher and as a corporate librarian.

Statement of Professional Concern:
I believe libraries play an important role in Iowa by supporting the core values of lifelong learning, literacy, equal access, and intellectual freedom. I also believe that ILA is in the unique position to provide the necessary leadership in building partnerships among the diverse constituent groups of the Iowa library community.

Advocacy is the most important issue facing Iowa libraries today. Collaboration and building connections among libraries are essential elements of advocacy. Collecting information and creating data repositories are also important parts of advocacy that allow ILA and Iowa libraries to easily retrieve information that can illustrate the benefits of libraries to our communities and to the State of Iowa.

My vision is for ILA to continue to provide a strong unified network which encourages communication and collaboration among all Iowa libraries to ensure quality library services for all Iowans. I am honored to stand for this election and look forward to serving the organization.

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**ALA COUNCILOR CANDIDATES**

**Susan Henricks** worked in the business arena for twenty years before moving to Iowa and starting her first library job. Her 7 years at the Blairstown Public Library were so rewarding she decided to return to college to earn a Master’s Degree in Library Science and continue her second career as a librarian. Prior to moving to Dubuque she worked for Southeastern Library Services. She has been the Director of the Carnegie-Stout Public Library for the past five and a half years. Susan joined ILA in 1991 and has served on the Public Relations Committee and the Conference Planning Committee.

**Statement of Professional Concern:**

I am honored to stand for election to be the next Association’s ALA Councilor. While my background has been working with or in public libraries, I understand all types of libraries represented by our membership in ILA. Just as it is not difficult for me to imagine the challenges of working in a small public library, or a library service area, it is not a stretch for me to relate to librarians in academic, school, and special libraries because I am fortunate to have friends in each library type. And just as I readily speak up to voice opinions, my friends in these libraries do so as well… and I have learned from them.

One job as Councilor will be to convey our memberships’ message and story articulated from the Association’s elected Board to the American Library Association and I can do so with understanding of our varied members’ libraries, a strong spirit, and zeal.

**Kim Kietzman** has served as the Administrator of Southeastern Library Services since May 2006. Prior to this position, Kim built Iowa’s newest library, LeClaire Community Library, from scratch. Kim has also served as a children’s librarian, branch manager, and reference librarian. She graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.A. in 1992 and a M.L.S. in 1997. She currently serves on the Public Relations and ILA Ad Hoc Website Review committees.

**Statement of Professional Concern:**

I have the privilege to speak and consult with librarians and trustees in all types and sizes of libraries on a daily basis. I hear from many librarians that ALA addresses issues that do not directly relate to the success of America’s libraries. To many librarians, the issues that many ALA councilors feel are vital to libraries appear irrelevant to their libraries and the work of the association. That disconnect is dangerous both for libraries and ALA. ALA needs to focus on promoting, defending, and advocating for libraries at the national level on issues that the majority of librarians feel are vital to libraries. ALA appears to believe that all librarians share one social or political philosophy. When ALA takes action and makes statements based on that belief, many of us are misrepresented. It’s time for ALA to respect local and regional control. I will provide an electronic forum to encourage debate on how Iowa would like to use its voice in Council meetings. I will ensure that the voices of all Iowa librarians will be heard at ALA.

**GRADUATE STUDENT POSTER SESSION**

Would you like a chance to support the next generation of the profession? Are you interested in learning about the latest trends and developments in library science? Are you considering going back to school for an M.L.S. and you’d like to know more about the types of projects and research students are currently undertaking? Then please stop by the graduate student poster session in the exhibit hall.

Sponsored by the ILA Conference Planning Committee, the poster session will provide a forum where presenters can communicate new ideas, research or programs in a setting that allows for individual interaction with conference attendees. This will let students gain valuable feedback on their ideas from experienced professionals, while acquiring professional development experience that will help them in their future job search for that all-important entry-level position. We also hope to help revitalize our organization by working to provide a more inclusive environment for next generation librarians.

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IOWA’S LIBRARIES NEED MOVIES

ILA’s newest subdivision Video Round Table (VRT), invites you to join us for our inaugural conference session, Iowa’s Libraries Need Movies at Coralville on Friday, October 12.

Movies seem to be everywhere, from cinemas and theaters to rental shops and retail stores, on broadcast, cable, and satellite television in our homes, and even on the World Wide Web. So why on earth do libraries need movies? Short answer: Movies are not only popular and accessible forms of entertainment, they are also invaluable sources of information and education, art and culture, history and heritage. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to fulfill your library’s mission to provide patrons with a wide variety of informative, educational, and recreational library materials if your library did not have a robust, well-balanced movie collection.

VRT’s conference speakers, Tom Wheeler and Kent Newman, will help explain why movies are important to libraries in our state.

Tom Wheeler, Manager of the Iowa Film Office, is responsible for promoting filmmaking in Iowa. In early 2007, Tom worked with Iowa’s Department of Economic Development, Governor Chet Culver, and the Iowa State Legislature to pass a new law that provides a 25 percent tax break for producers who make films in Iowa. Movies made in our state create local jobs and promote Iowa to the rest of the world.

Kent Newman, President of the Iowa Motion Picture Association, represents Iowa’s film and video production community. Kent works to advance the interests of professional filmmakers from Iowa, as well as supports and encourages Iowa students who are interested in careers in movie production. Also, as owner of Full Spectrum Productions of Des Moines, Kent recently co-produced A Little Salsa on the Prairie, an award-winning documentary film about the rapid growth of the Latino population in Perry, Iowa.

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TWO RAFFLE ITEMS:
- Dell Optiplex 745 minitower Core 2 with a 17” flat panel monitor
- Two roundtrip tickets on Allegiant Air from Cedar Rapids to Las Vegas

Remember if you are unable to attend conference this year, you could send money with a colleague to purchase raffle tickets for you.

AUCTION ITEMS:

A few of the items being donated for this year’s auction are listed below. Many ILA members are donating themed baskets. You are invited to browse the exhibits, visit your favorite exhibitors, bid on items, and help support your Iowa Library Association Foundation at the same time. If you haven’t already, please notify auction chair, Maeve Clark, in advance at mavclark@icpl.org if you plan to bring an auction item. You may also submit your item via www.iowalibraryassociation.org/ displaycommon.cfm?an=8

Please bring item(s) with you to the conference.

- 2 passes to the National Mississippi River Museum and autographed Hold Your Water
  Donor: Durrant

- 2 books
  Donor: Follett Library Resources Inc.

- A stack of new books
  Donor: Bound to Stay Bound Books

- $100 gift certificate
  Donor: Brodart

- New books
  Donor: Capstone Press

- Eight magazine subscriptions
  Donor: EBSCO

- A piece of Bulgarian jewelry
  Colorado/Bulgarian Library Project

- Gumdrop canvas bag filled with bookmarks, pens, Dewey cubes, gumdrop candy, note pads, brochures and Gumdrop bucks
  Donor: Gumdrop Books

- A selection of new books and videos
  Donor: Ingram Library Services

- An afghan depicting Iowa agricultural scenes
  Donor: Iowa Farm Bureau

- A variety of new books
  Donor: Quality Books

12 - September/October 2007 Catalyst
Everyone has heard about the college entrance exam created by ACT, but they are probably not aware of the wide array of services ACT offers and people they serve. Join us to learn about this special library in the Iowa City area. Jacqueline Snider will introduce you to the ACT library in Iowa City. Founded in 1959, ACT is a testing company in Iowa City. Jacqueline will discuss how their internal library reflects the changing needs of the organization.

ACT is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides more than a hundred assessment, research, information, and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development. Each year, they serve millions of people in elementary and secondary schools, colleges, professional associations, businesses, and government agencies, nationally and internationally. ACT has offices across the United States and throughout the world.

Though designed to meet a wide array of needs, all ACT programs and services have one guiding purpose: helping people achieve education and workplace success. ACT is dedicated to helping individuals attain their educational and career goals through assessment programs with solid research foundations.

Jacqueline Snider is the manager of the ACT Information Resource Center in Iowa City. This Thursday morning session is sponsored by the Special Libraries Roundtable.

The International Writing Program is a one-of-a-kind residency that for forty years has brought renowned poets and writers from around the world to Iowa, including the most recent Nobel laureate, the Turkish novelist Orhan Pamuk. We have the United Nations of Writers in our backyard.

International Writing Program Director, Christopher Merrill, will share stories about the visiting writers who have done so much to enrich our literary community. The ILA Executive Board sponsors this Thursday morning session.

Regardless of whether or not videogames are your “thing”, they are a major part of the recreational pursuits of a majority of your community, especially those hard-to-reach teens! Come find out how videogame events are a good fit and can be done at public libraries of any size. Learn about the best game software and hardware for different audiences. You can deliver a tournament that will knock those gamer’s socks off, exposing your organization to a whole new culture with its own unique aroma.

Eli Neiburger is the technology manager at Ann Arbor District Library in Michigan, where he has hosted over 100 gaming events for library patrons of all ages. He has traveled the country talking to libraries about how to produce outstanding gaming events and also does tournaments at Game Industry conventions, birthday parties and bar mitzvahs. He is the author of Gamers...in the LIBRARY?! published in July 2007 by ALA Editions and he has a tattoo consisting solely of Nintendo intellectual property.

The Information Technology Forum and Youth Services Subdivision co-sponsor these Thursday afternoon sessions.

Melanie Anderson of the ALA Washington Office will update you on federal legislation affecting libraries including No Child Left Behind reauthorization, Head Start reauthorization, disaster relief, loan forgiveness for librarians, closing of federal libraries, appropriations issues and so much more. Ask questions and learn how to effectively communicate with legislators. You’ll leave this session with information to help you be a better library advocate.

The Governmental Affairs Committee sponsors this Friday morning session.

Back by Popular Demand—SHOP ILA! Bring your cash, check, or credit card and do some gift shopping at ILA. SHOP ILA will be located in the Exhibits area. Pins, bookmarks, note cards, and much more will available for your shopping pleasure. SHOP ILA hours will be in your conference packets. Support ILA and its efforts by shopping at SHOP ILA.
The ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., drew a record number of attendees and exhibitors (28,000 plus). And for the first time in recent years, the ALA Council did not have to contend with resolutions dealing with issues only peripherally related to the business of the organization. A forum held in conjunction with Membership Meeting 1 offered members an opportunity to address the topic of what were appropriate issues for Council to spend its time on. And while the discussion produced no clear consensus, a number of speakers (notably our own Susan Craig) argued against Council undertaking debates on issues that had little direct connections to the roles and responsibilities of libraries.

Without such resolutions on the agenda, the business of the three Council meetings moved apace and was characterized by cooperation and collegiality. And many councilors took advantage of the special opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and urge their congressional representatives to support legislation vital to libraries.

**COUNCIL I (June 24)**
Council acted on a number of in-house committee appointments and approved Council nominees for some some ALA Committees (Planning and Budget Assembly).

**COUNCIL II (June 26)**
Council session devoted to presentation, discussion and action on a number of resolutions:
- National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program—urged Congress to restore full funding. ADOPTED
- Government Printing Office Appropriations—asked Congress to reaffirm its commitment to vital printing and depository library program services and collections and fully fund the 2008 appropriation. ADOPTED
- National Library Service—called upon Congress to fully fund the first year of the multi-year project to convert to up-to-date digital technology for Talking Books services. UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
- No Child Left Behind—urged Congress to pass the SKILLS Act (includes school librarians as highly qualified in NCLB; requires school districts to employ at least one highly qualified school librarian; and allows state and local professional development funds—Title II—to be used to recruit and train highly qualified school librarians). UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

**COUNCIL III (June 27)**
Council received reports on elections to standing committees, acted on a number of memorial resolutions and other tributes. Other actions included approving some by-laws revisions and referred some matters to committees for reporting back at MidWinter.

- Use and Abuse of National Security Letters—urges Congress to pursue reforms that would ensure each library user’s right to be free from unwarranted and unjustified government surveillance, and the elimination of the “gag order” provisions now attached to the issuance of NSLs. UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED. Council further asserted that the text of resolution be sent to the President and Vice-President of the United States, all ALA members, state chapters and all library advocates.

**Thank you**
My service as ILA Chapter Councilor ends on December 31, 2007. I want to thank all ILA members for affording me the opportunity to represent the Iowa Library Association at ALA Council meetings. I urge anyone interested in the future of libraries at home and elsewhere to consider becoming a member of Council. It is sometimes frustrating but, on balance, it is a rich experience.

*Dale H. Ross*
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ILA Chapter Councilor*

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**THE 39TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**NATURE’S NARRATIVE**

Saturday, October 20th, 2007
Iowa Memorial Union, The University of Iowa, Iowa City
Authors: Claudia McGehee, Barbara Bash, Carolyn Lesser
Book signings
Display of new books for young people
Bibliographies of new books for young readers

http://slis.uiowa.edu/%7Efestival/FBYP.html
Kit Austin: caroline-austin@uiowa.edu or 319-335-5709
**ILA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS**

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CONFERENCE CHECKLIST

Before:
Register by September 28
Hotel Reservation
(walking hotels: Fairfield Inn and Comfort Inn)
Possible Construction on I-80
Parking -
complimentary for Marriott Hotel guests - north parking lot;
daily fee up to $8 - south parking lot

Wednesday, October 10:
Pre-Conferences
Grand Opening of Exhibits
Check into Hotel - after their posted times
(bring tax exempt confirmation if applicable)
Welcome to Conference Reception and Gaming Fiesta

Thursday, October 11:
Continental Breakfast
Opening General Session
Concurrent Sessions
ILA Membership Business Meeting
Subdivision Business Meetings
ILAF Auction
Author Fair

Friday, October 12:
General Session
Concurrent Sessions
Post-Conference
Complete Evaluation Form
Complete CE Form
(State Library and Teacher Librarian Credit)

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING
November 9, 2007
Stoney Creek Inn, Johnston

If you currently serve on a committee or have been asked to serve in 2008, are a current subdivision officer or will be in 2008, mark your calendar now for this very important day of planning events for 2008. Registration packets will be mailed in September.